

# *Franklin Fire Department*



# Family Safety House

## Teacher's Packet

### Includes:

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## FIRE



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Dear Teacher:

Thank you for participating in the Franklin Fire Department's Family Safety House program! We appreciate the opportunity to teach your students how to be safe from fire. Here are some fire facts from the Home Safety Council:

- On average, 3,402 people die each year as a result of a residential fire or burn injury.
- Children under age 5 and adults over age 70 are at increased risk of fire-related death.
- Of fire-related mortality, home fires account for nearly 90% of all fatalities.
- Most victims of fires die from smoke or toxic gases (69%) followed by burns (about 15%).
- While cooking is the primary cause of home fires, most fire-related deaths are caused by smoking materials.
- Children playing with fire account for 5% of all residential fires, but 40% of child fire-related death.
- Residential fire mortality rates in homes with working smoke alarms are 40-50% lower than those in homes not equipped with functioning alarms.



Please e-mail me or call the Franklin Fire Department to schedule your Family Safety House tour, if you have not yet done so. Also, please contact me if you have any questions or if I can be of assistance.

Thanks again for your participation. We are looking forward to working with you!

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## FAMILY SAFETY HOUSE SCHOOL SCHEDULE

- Please allow one hour for each class of up to 24 students.
- Each class will be divided into two groups of up to 12 students each.
- One group will tour the Family Safety House while the other group attends a fire apparatus demonstration.

The Franklin Fire Department requires that one teacher or teacher's aid remain with each group at all times to assist with direction of the students.

School name \_\_\_\_\_

### **DAY 1**                      **Indicate teachers' names and exact times (including lunch break):**

Hour 1    Mrs. Miar's class, 8:35-9:35

Hour 2    Mrs. Bittner's class, 9:35-10:35

Hour 3    Mrs. Wright's class, 10:35-11:35

Hour 4    Lunch, 11:35-12:35

Hour 5    Mr. Woolard's class, 12:35-1:35

Sample

### **DAY 1**                      **Indicate teachers' names and exact times (including lunch break):**

Hour 1    \_\_\_\_\_

Hour 2    \_\_\_\_\_

Hour 3    \_\_\_\_\_

Hour 4    \_\_\_\_\_

Hour 5    \_\_\_\_\_

### **DAY 2**                      **Indicate teachers' names and exact times (including lunch break):**

Hour 1    \_\_\_\_\_

Hour 2    \_\_\_\_\_

Hour 3    \_\_\_\_\_

Hour 4    \_\_\_\_\_

Hour 5    \_\_\_\_\_

**Please fax this completed form to: (615) 591-5615;  
or email to: [jamie.melton@franklintn.gov](mailto:jamie.melton@franklintn.gov)**

**Thank you!**

## FAMILY SAFETY HOUSE PERMISSION SLIP

Dear Parent/Guardian(s):

The Franklin Fire Department will be visiting your child's class on \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

with the Family Safety House. This 39-foot mobile classroom is specially designed to teach children burn prevention and fire escape techniques through fun, safe simulation of common hazards.

It is equipped with a living room, kitchen and bedroom, and simulates the types of dangers children may encounter.

The Family Safety House fills with non-toxic smoke to teach children to crawl low to safety. A heated door helps children choose the right exit, and a fixed escape ladder allows them to practice emergency escapes.

If your child suffers from asthma, other respiratory conditions, or allergies that may be irritated by the non-toxic smoke, please indicate this below before allowing them to tour the house.

For more information please visit our website at [www.franklintn.gov/fire](http://www.franklintn.gov/fire) - select "Community Programs," then "Family Safety House" to learn more. Or, please feel free to call us at (615) 791-3270.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Please check all that apply:

\_\_\_\_\_ My child, \_\_\_\_\_, may tour the Family Safety House.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child, \_\_\_\_\_, may not tour the Family Safety House.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child, \_\_\_\_\_, has an allergy or respiratory condition that may be irritated by the non-toxic smoke and should not be in the house during that part of the tour.

\_\_\_\_\_ I grant permission for my child to be photographed during the Family Safety House presentation; and also grant permission for the photo to be used in City of Franklin/Franklin Fire Department publications, including media releases.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**For family fire safety tips, and to learn how to create and practice your home fire escape plan, please visit [www.franklintn.gov/fire](http://www.franklintn.gov/fire).**

# ¡CUIDADO CON EL FUEGO!

Queridos Padres:

Imagínese que usted es un niño que despierte una noche para encontrar el humo llenando su habitación. ¡Su casa se está enciendo! ¿Qué haría usted?

Para asegurar que sus hijos poseen las habilidades para salvarse la vida en caso de fuego, vamos a enseñarles protegerse contra las quemaduras y el fuego en su clase en la escuela. Un elemento muy importante de esta enseñanza es una visita de "Family Safety House" (Una casa especialmente diseñada para enseñar a los niños protegerse del fuego). Esta visita tomará lugar durante el día escolar. Los niños aprenderán a escapar de una casa que está encendiendo y para protegerse de quemaduras.

Además, la casa se llena con humo NON-tóxico para enseñarles a los niños como arrastrarse a un lugar seguro. Los niños pueden usar puertas y escaleras especialmente diseñadas para practicar escapar del peligro.

Si su hijo sufre del asma u otras condiciones o alergias que pueden ser irritadas por el humo non-tóxico, por favor indícalo abajo antes de darle permiso a visitar la casa.

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Marque todas las que se aplican:

\_\_\_\_\_ Mi hijo/a, \_\_\_\_\_, puede visitar Family Safety House.  
(Escriba el nombre de su hijo/a aquí)

\_\_\_\_\_ Mi hijo/a, \_\_\_\_\_, NO puede visitar Family Safety House.  
(Escriba el nombre de su hijo/a aquí)

\_\_\_\_\_ Mi hijo/a, \_\_\_\_\_, tiene una alergia o condición de los pulmones que puede ser irritada por el humo non-tóxico y NO debe estar en la casa durante esta parte de la visita.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yo doy permiso para que mi hijo sea fotografiado durante la presentación de Seguridad Family House, y también conceder permiso para que la foto que se utilizará en la ciudad de Franklin / Franklin publicaciones del Departamento de Bomberos, incluyendo comunicados de prensa.

Firma aquí: \_\_\_\_\_  
Padre / Madre / Guardián

**Para consejos de seguridad de la familia de incendios, y para aprender a crear y la práctica de su casa plan de escape, por favor, visite [www.franklintn.gov/fire](http://www.franklintn.gov/fire).**

# **PREPARING YOUR STUDENTS FOR THE FAMILY SAFETY HOUSE**

## **What to expect:**

The Family Safety House is a 39-foot trailer designed to simulate home hazards and a house fire:

- Kitchen stovetop burners glow red and simulate an unsafe cooking situation.
- Smoke alarms sound.
- A door heats up to simulate there is fire on the other side and teach children to use their secondary exit.
- The house fills with non-toxic smoke.

## **10 main lessons we cover:**

1. Tell a grown-up if you find matches and lighters.
2. Stay out of the kitchen when adults are cooking on the stovetop.
3. Hot things can burn you and cause fires.
4. Know how and when to call 911, and what to say.
5. Know what your smoke alarm sounds like and what to do when it beeps.
6. Know two ways out of every room.
7. Crawl low under smoke.
8. Don't hide if there is smoke or a fire— go outside!
9. Have a safe meeting place outside your home where you will meet with your family if there is a fire.
10. Don't ever go back inside a burning building, not even to get a favorite toy or pet.

## **Teacher checklist :**

1. Fax or email the "Family Safety House School Schedule" form in this packet to Jamie Melton at (615) 591-5615 or [jamie.melton@franklin.tn.gov](mailto:jamie.melton@franklin.tn.gov) as soon as possible.
2. Send home the enclosed permission slips.
3. Children with asthma or other respiratory problems should not participate in the smoke portion of the demonstration.
4. Please allow one hour for each class of up to 24 students.
5. Each class will be divided into two groups of up to 12 students each—One group will tour the Family Safety House while the other group attends a fire apparatus demonstration.
6. The Franklin Fire Department requires that one teacher or teacher's aid remain with each group at all times to assist with direction of the students.
7. If possible, incorporate fire safety lessons and activities into your existing science, language arts or social studies classes. For ideas please visit our website at [www.franklin.tn.gov/fire](http://www.franklin.tn.gov/fire)—Click the Fire Prevention Week logo on the home page, then select "Teacher Resources."

**Thank you!**



# **FAMILY SAFETY HOUSE DAILY CLEANING PROCEDURE**

## **Firefighters:**

- The Franklin Fire Department's Family Safety House is wiped down and cleaned thoroughly after each presentation. Cleaning instructions are posted inside the Family Safety House for firefighters, as well.
- Thorough cleaning is part of the department's daily Family Safety House presentation procedure.
- The Family Safety House is stocked with sanitary wipes and hand sanitizer.

## **Teachers:**

- Teachers—Please have your students wash their hands before entering the Family Safety House.

**Thank you!**

